

**SUMMARY OF HEARING REGARDING DIFFICULTIES WITH PROPERTY OF OLIN MATHIESON  
CHEMICAL CORPORATION, 475 PUTNAM AVENUE, HAMDEN**

A Hearing was held on March 23, 1966, in the office of the Health Department to discuss the refuse disposal problem on the property of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation at 475 Putnam Avenue, Hamden. There have been several complaints on burning, smoke and odor from this area.

Those present from Olin Mathieson were E. P. Fappiano, Safety Director, E. L. DeShong, Manager Research Center, R. Henderson, PhD., Manager Environmental Hygiene Sanitation and W. L. C. Jones, Personnel Manager. Al Purce, Fire Marshal, Fire Chief Paul Leddy, Sanitarians Benjamin C. Gold and Vincent Prota, and Dr. Parente from Town of Hamden, and John McGuire, Sanitation Department of the New Haven Water Company.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 A.M. with Dr. Parente stating the problem of burning, smoke, obnoxious odors and dumping of injurious chemicals and debris as observed by his sanitarian, Vincent Prota, on his inspection of March 15, 1966. Dr. Parente then asked why the material was being transported into Hamden from New Haven when the Town of Hamden had an Ordinance prohibiting this maneuver. Olin is in violation of the Ordinance of Hamden, State Statutes and the State Public Health Code and with the possibility of air pollution and water pollution, he had no choice but to crack down on the refuse disposal in this area.

Dr. Parente's directive as stated is "No transporting material into Hamden as of March 23, 1966; that present combustible material may be disposed of by burning until March 26, 1966; and that only two weeks from March 23, 1966, (April 6, 1966) be allowed in order to cart away all debris that is non-combustible." Even though Olin Mathieson felt they needed more time to work out their problems, no extension beyond the two weeks was given by Dr. Parente.

Copies of the Hamden Ordinance, pertinent sections of the State of Connecticut Statutes and the State Public Health Code were given to the representatives of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation. It was suggested by Dr. Parente that the refuse material be disposed of in the city of origin. The representatives of Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation assured Dr. Parente that no radio-active material is involved. No incinerator would be allowed on the land at 475 Putnam Avenue since this did not answer the question of illegal transportation of refuse into Hamden.

Since Mr. Purce has jurisdiction over burning of powder on cement runways and also over the storage of explosives and powder in Hamden, Dr. Parente turned over this problem to his disposition.

Dr. Parente stated that he will write a letter to Olin Mathieson Chemical Corporation, dated March 23, 1966, stating his directive and it was suggested that he direct the letter to Mr. Fappiano.

The Hearing adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

*Barbara Lane Cooper, Clerk*



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earing regarding ~~property~~ difficulties with property of Olin Mathieson  
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E.L. DeShong, Manager Research Center for Olin, R. Henderson, PhD.,  
Manager Environmental Hygiene Sanitation, W.L.C. Jones, Personnel  
Manager, Al Purce, Fire Marshal for Town of Hamden, ~~XXXXXX~~ Fire  
Chief Paul Leddy, Hamden; John McGuire, Sanitation Dept. of the  
New Haven Water Co., Hamden Sanitarians Benjamin C. Gold and Vincent  
Prota and Dr. Parente.

The meeting commenced at 10:00 A.M. Dr. Parente stated that the  
burning at the Olin property and the obnoxious odors created ~~thexen~~  
from materials being imported to Hamden from New Haven would have to  
stop. Things were strewn about and dug into ~~px~~ pits in the area  
also boxes and other material are burned. Smoke and flames are seen  
from all over town. Many complaints have been received by the Health  
Department and/definite action is needed now. Dr. Parente asked why the  
material is brought into Hamden. Mr. Fappiano stated that this  
burning had been done for some time, but that it was more apparent  
because a new area is used for a gate and foliage had been removed,  
so that it was more noticeable and that it was more expedient for  
Olin to burn and dispose of their rubbish in Hamden.

Dr. Parente stated that Acme Wire had been blamed for burning in the

past, but now that they had left, it was apparent who was doing the burning. He also stated that Hamden has an Ordinance against this type of transportation under Special Acts and Ordinances with reference to garbage or rubbish disposal which states "No person shall bring any garbage or rubbish into the Town of Hamden from any other town without first obtaining a permit therefor from the selectmen. (1920 Revision of Ordinances).

Mr. Pappiano asked for a definition of "rubbish". Dr. Parente stated that rubbish was anything that they bring in such as scrap, laboratory and shop material, etc.

Mr. Prota stated that no remains of food were found upon inspection on March 15, mostly rubbish. ~~He also stated that chemicals of all natures were found in shallow pits in bottles. Highly volatile liquids, acids, drums were present and drums were strewn along the most southerly bank of a pond. Papers and old building materials were present and the odor was stringent in the area. There were also remnants of burning present.~~

~~Mr. McGuire stated that water samples were taken and nitrites and manganese traces were found to be present.~~

Dr. Parente stated that the area looked like a dump, that there was possibility of air pollution, water pollution and that the Olin Corp was in violation of an Ordinance of Hamden and the State and Public Health codes were in considerable violation; his only remedy of the situation is to crack down. There is to be no violating of the Ordinance and he gave the Olin Corp. ~~until Saturday to burn the materials collected at present; two weeks to cart everything away--drums, rubbish, etc. Chemicals are not to be burned at any time and~~

~~no-transporting-in-from-this-date-forward, March 23, 1966.~~ A letter will be sent confirming this directive to Mr. Fappiano today.

Mr. Fappiano said he understood problem and that most of it could be solved, but that they would need more time to solve the chemical disposal problem, as it took special handling of this material. Dr. Parente refused an extension of time as this has been going on for too long and certainly enough time has been available for a solution. Mr. Protta stated that the broken bottles were strewn about, and Mr. Fappiano explained that they were fired at from a distance to dissipate the chemical and this broke the bottles.

Dr. Parente stated that the area was too populated to use this method and repeated that they had two weeks to find a solution to this problem.

Mr. Purce asked why they had open fire burning. He also stated that there was an agreement years ago where powder was burned on a cement runway and this will be continued under Mr. Purce's jurisdiction. The Olin company has magazines and storage in Hamden which is also under Mr. Purce's jurisdiction.

The suggestion was made that all materials be disposed of at the New Haven Incinerator and/or land-fill area under the supervision of Olin personnel. No radio-active materials are involved.

Dr. Parente gave Dr. Henderson a copy of the State Public Health Code and the Hamden Garbage and Rubbish Ordinance. He also explained that Hamden was four-fifths watershed and that created special problems in run-off of water. Dr. Henderson asked if a permit would be possible if an incinerator were built on the property. Dr. Parente said he would not go along with the building of an incinerator as

there would be too much objection at the Hearing from the neighbors. Dr. Parente thanked the Olin and Water Company personnel for being present at the Hearing so that they could see both sides of the question.

The Hearing adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lane Roper, Clerk